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This supplemental information disclosure statement is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(d), after the issuance of the final rejection and prior to the payment of the issue fee. This statement is accompanied by a Certification Under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1) and the filing fee payable pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(p) in the amount of \$180.00.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner's attention is directed to the references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation, copies of which are attached.


Each item of information contained in this supplemental information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in corresponding European Application No. 01118262.3 not more than three months prior to the filing of this supplemental information disclosure statement. A copy of the European Search Report issued April 17, 2003, is enclosed herewith for reference.

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